Rights Statements on the Web of Data

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Why Are Rights Statements Important?

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Clear framework for all forms of reuse

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Building for the Future
Some Terminology
“...permission to do or not to do something...”

“To permit or authorize by license...”

“The document granting such permission...”
Waiver

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“1. an intentional relinquishment of some right, interest, or the like.

2. an express or written statement of such relinquishment.”
There are many different legal tools
Different communities have different priorities
Legal tools need both human and machine readable expressions
Linked Data offers some additional challenges
Explicit agreement involved in using a Web 2.0 API
Linked Data has different interaction patterns
E.g. Linked Data browsers
Can we find explicit rights statements associated with these datasets?
And which licensing option does each use?
The Results
Majority of datasets do not have clear terms associated with them
Creative Commons variants are popular
Attribution is a strong theme
Inconsistencies in rights statements of derived versus original data
DbPedia inherits its terms from Wikipedia (but this is now out of date)
Some public domain data has been republished but the terms are not clear.
Music datasets have clear rights statements
Constraints on BBC
Legacy of Gracenote
Several datasets are actually dual-licensed.
How do we solve these issues?
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